

## Statement on President Obama's Rejection of the Keystone XL Pipeline Proposal

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I support the President's decision to reject the current Keystone XL pipeline proposal.

This flawed idea would endanger the health of Americans along the path of the pipeline and in the cities and towns where gasoline produced from this toxic oil would be used. The President's critics have attacked him for this decision, but despite what they say, the reality is that gasoline prices in the Midwest would actually go up if the pipeline is built, and Canada isn't going to 'sell the oil elsewhere' because of this decision – the whole reason TransCanada wants to build the pipeline is so it can transport its land-locked tar sands oil to refineries and on to the Gulf Coast of the US, where the oil will be shipped to other countries.

Long term environmental and economic health will come from deploying renewable energy technologies, which will create far more jobs than the overblown jobs estimates proponents of the Keystone XL pipeline have concocted.